

Revd Neil's final service in the Group

Neils' final service will be the Eucharist service on Sunday 29 December at 11am. It was felt that this occasion couldn't go unmarked, so a goodbye party after the service has been arranged. As everyone is so busy at this time of year, it was agreed by the PCCs that holding this at the Five Bells, Morton was a sensible option. Therefore, there will be a buffet lunch there from 12.30. The cost of this is £8 per person.

If you would like to come to this party, please would you either let your church warden know, or email ringstoneoffice@gmail.com. Payment needs to be made at the same time - please give the money to the church warden, or use the card machine at the back of Morton church, or email ringstoneoffice@gmail.com for the bank details.

We need final numbers by **Sunday 15 December**.

Follow the Star: Calm and Bright

December can feel like chaos – lots of social events, services, Christmas presents to buy, never-ending to-do lists and the pressure to create the perfect Christmas. But in the midst of this chaos, our churches can offer an opportunity to find peace during this busy time.

The Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas 2024, Follow the Star: Calm and Bright, draws on the world-famous carol, Silent Night:

*"Silent Night! Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright..."*

One of the reasons that this carol is so universally loved is the way it invites us into the still centre of the Christmas story, to contemplate Mary holding the new-born Jesus, the Light of the World.

The angelic messages we encounter in the biblical story of Jesus' birth typically hold together the need for calm in the present ("Do not be afraid" ... "Fear not") with the hope of a bright future ("for you have found favour with God" ... "for behold I bring you tidings of great joy").



The Church of England has provided an online Advent calendar: Find daily reflections for all ages, as well as audio versions so you can take a moment to reflect, even on the move. Follow along this December. <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/advent-calendar>

Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet



**8 December 2024
Second Sunday of Advent**

Collect for this Sunday

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

**To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow
of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and for evermore,
Amen**

Readings for this Sunday

**Malachi 3.1-4
Philippians 1.3-11
Luke 3.1-6**



Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please pray for...

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Annie Hall, Clive Hall, Robert Hitchens, Jane Knight, Judy Long, Imogen Matthews, Pat Reid, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Ivan Spencer, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, Kevin Whitfield, King Charles III, and for any others whom we name in the silence of our hearts.

We give thanks for those on the road to recovery.

We remember Ann Woodward, Carol Godfrey, Jo Honniball and the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we pray for those who mourn their loss.

Funeral anniversaries: Walter Baxter (6 months); Maurice Brooker (1 year); Roy Machin (2 years)

A reading from the Prophet Baruch, Chapter 5

Jerusalem take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God.

Reflection:

The prophet Baruch promises a time when we will be “wrapped in the cloak of justice.” Justice is not merely one virtue among many. For God’s community, it is the key virtue. It reflects the very way God treats us. In a community guided by justice, all are treated equally; all share in the community’s resources; no one goes hungry or is treated unfairly.

So, we ask ourselves:

- ✠ How did I feel when an injustice was done against me?
- ✠ What can I do to help another person not be treated in the same manner I was?



.Can you help?

Here is a **new** list of items that are running low, but feel free to donate any in-date, non-perishable food at any of our Donation Points

Milk (UHT cartons)	Fruit juice / squash	Coffee
Tinned meat	Jam	Deserts
Custard	Snacks—pot nodles, rice etc	
Laundry powder / liquid	Washing up liquid	Toothbrushes
Toilet roll	Razors and shaving foam	

There is a collection box in St John the Baptist Church, on the left at the back of the church. Please be as generous as possible.

Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

8 December	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
	3pm	Christingle Service	Morton
15 December	11am	Eucharist	Morton
22 December	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	3pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
29 December	11am	Eucharist	Morton
Wednesday	10 am	See below	Morton

Wednesday services will usually be a service of Holy Communion . On occasions this will be replace by a service of Morning Prayer

Do you know anyone who is unable to get to church but who would like to receive Holy Communion? Contact Revd Neil on 01778 219626

Safeguarding & Contact Information

Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

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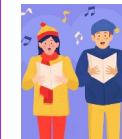
Group Administrator and for entries to news sheet (by Tuesday please)
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Christmas services in the Ringstone in Aveland Group



Christingle Services:

Sunday 8 December at 3pm	Morton
Sunday 15 December at 3pm	Haconby



Carol Services:

Wednesday 18 December at 7pm	Kirkby Underwood
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Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 24 December at 5pm	Morton
Tuesday 24 December at 7pm	Dunsby



Eucharist Services:

Tuesday 24 December at 11.30pm	Morton
Wednesday 25 December at 10am	Kirkby Underwood